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April 16, 2015

The Honorable Craig Brown
Chairman, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors
1015 Fair Street
Prescott, Arizona 86305

Community: Yavapai County, Arizona
Community No.: 040093
Map Panels Affected: See FIRM Index

Dear Chairman Brown:

On September 25, 2012, you were notified of proposed modified flood hazard determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the Yavapai County, Arizona and Incorporated Areas. The statutory 90-day appeal period that was initiated on October 10, 2012, when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for your community in the *Camp Verde Journal*, *Verde Independent*, and the *Camp Verde Bugle*, has elapsed.

FEMA did receive an appeal during that 90-day period. The technical data submitted in support of the appeal have been evaluated, and the appeal has been resolved. Therefore, the determination of the Agency as to the Flood Hazard Determinations for your community is considered final. The final Flood Hazard Determinations will be published in the *Federal Register* as soon as possible. The modified flood hazards and revised map panels, as referenced above, are effective as of October 16, 2015, and revise the FIRM that was in effect prior to that date. For insurance rating purposes, the community number and new suffix code for the panels being revised are indicated above and on the maps and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modifications are pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed minimum NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM and FIS report to which the regulations apply and the modifications made by this map revision. Our records show that your community has met the requirements under 44 CFR 60.3(d).

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions to document previous Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs)) that will be superseded when the revised FIRM panels referenced above become effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories: (1) LOMCs for which results have been included on the revised FIRM panels; (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, the

area that would be inundated by the base flood, as shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMCs for which results have not been included on the revised FIRM panels because the flood hazard information on which the original determinations were based are being superseded by new flood hazard information; and (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures cannot be revalidated through an administrative process like the LOMCs in Category 2 above. LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC; the letter will be sent to your community shortly before the effective date of the revised FIRM and will become effective 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective. For the LOMCs listed in Category 4, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMA or LOMR request and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the revised FIRM becomes effective.

The FIRM panels have been computer-generated. Once the FIRM panels and FIS report are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided to your community for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data for floodplain management purposes, insurance purchase and rating requirements, and many other planning applications. Copies of the digital files of the FIRM panels may be obtained by calling our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1 877 FEMA MAP (1 877 336 2627). In addition, your community may be eligible for additional credits under our Community Rating System if you implement your activities using digital mapping files.

If you have any questions regarding the necessary floodplain management measures for your community or the NFIP in general, we urge you to call the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division of FEMA in Oakland, California, at (510) 627-7100. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general or the enclosed Summary of Map Actions, please call our FMIX at the toll free number shown above. Additional information and resources your community may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management, such as *The National Flood Insurance Program Code of Federal Regulations, Answers to Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program, Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data, Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Effect that Revised Flood Hazards have on Existing Structures,* and *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions,* can be found on our website at http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/lfd. Paper copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FMIX.

Sincerely,

Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure:
Final Summary of Map Actions

cc: Community Map Repository
Dan Cherry, Floodplain Administrator, Yavapai County Flood Control District
Senator Jeff Flake, State Office
Senator John McCain, State Office
Representative Paul Gosar, District Office
Representative Ann Kirkpatrick, District Office

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